

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
IN REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 22, 2006

The Chairman, Mr. P. Rhodes, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Parish President D. Schwab, Minute Clerk V. Whitney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes. P. Lambert was recorded as joining the proceedings at 6:06 p.m. and A. Tillman at 6:16 p.m. T. Cavalier was recorded as absent, due to circumstances at her employment. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 2/22/06."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Council approve the Parish Bill List dated 3/20/06."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: W. Thibodeaux

ABSENT: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

At this time, 6:06 p.m., Councilman P. Lambert was recorded as joining the proceedings.

OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-104

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council has learned that the Honorable Cleveland "Coke" Verdine, Constable of Ward 1, was recently honored at the Annual Statewide Attorney General's Training Workshop for Constables and Justices of the Peace, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Verdine was named "Constable of the Year" by his peers and received a plaque from the association to confirm his achievement, and

WHEREAS, this recognition on a statewide level is a clear indication of Constable Verdine's commitment to his office and the exceptional manner in which he has served the residents of Ward 1, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Verdine has earned a sterling reputation in Terrebonne Parish in the field of law enforcement and this awards only confirms his record of service to this community, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council is especially proud that the Constable of the Year is a good and faithful public servant of Terrebonne Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that, The Honorable Cleveland "Coke" Verdine Constable Ward 1, be hereby commended for being selected as Constable of the Year at the Attorney General's Training Workshop for Constables and Justices of the Peace.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman and T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized The Honorable Cleveland "Coke" Verdine, Constable, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the commendation and stated what an honor it was to receive this award.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, "THAT, the Council allow two add-ons to tonight's agenda to address the following matters:

- 1) A presentation by the Tree Board, and
- 2) A commendation for Parish employees."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mrs. Sybil Guidry, Terrebonne Parish Tree Board Chair, who presented a certificate to MacDonnell Methodist United Children's' Services for the maintenance and preservation of their magnificent historical oak trees and grounds.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Danielle Robinson, MacDonnell Methodist United Children's Services, who accepted the certificate and thanked the Tree Board.

At this time, 6:16 p.m., Councilman A. Tillman was recorded as joining the proceedings.

OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-105

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council has learned that two of the Parish Government's valuable employees recently received recognition from the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts, and

WHEREAS, at a recent conference, Ms. Jeanne Bray and Ms. Joan Schexnayder received a Certificate of Distinguished Service for helping to promote conservation of our natural resources, for implementing Emergency Watershed Protection after Hurricane Katrina and for being a vital part of the management and productivity in Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts does not present such certificates lightly and only bestows Certificates of Distinguished Service to individuals who are both highly competent and aggressive in their commitment to protecting the environment, and

WHEREAS, this recognition is a clear indication that the employees of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government are genuinely concerned and earnestly dedicated to preserving the abundant natural resources and environment of this beautiful parish, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council and the Parish President are proud of the accomplishment of Ms. Bray and Ms. Schexnayder and wish them to know that their service to this government and to the people of this parish are both acknowledged and sincerely appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that

Ms. Jeanne Bray, Engineering Analyst
and
Ms. Joan Schexnayder, Staff Engineer

be commended for their recognition of meritorious service by the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Jeanne Bray, Engineering Analyst, and Ms. Joan Schexnayder, Staff Engineer, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the commendation.

OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-106

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY OAK VILLA, LP.

WHEREAS, Oak Villa, LP is proposing to develop housing units (town homes and duplexes), which will be located on a 15-acre site located along Highway 24N, 4445 West Park Avenue, Gray, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the 100 total units, which are expected to serve large families, handicapped persons, and households whose incomes do not exceed 60% of the median income and residents of Terrebonne Parish seeking to find adequate living conditions, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the development is expected to be approximately \$15.8 million, and

WHEREAS, Oak Villa, LP is applying to the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency for Housing Tax credits to assist in this endeavor, and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency is that the local governing authority must clearly support the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that this governing authority goes on record as being in support of the housing development proposed by Oak Villa, LP to be located on 15 acres of property at 4445 West Park Avenue, Gray, Louisiana.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

OFFERED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-107

A resolution calling a condemnation hearing on the structure situated at 316 Rhett Place, legally described as Lot 9, Block 6, Tara Subdivision, Addendum No. 1, for Monday, May 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.; and addressing other matters relative thereto.

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2005, the Department of Planning and Zoning was notified of extensive violations to the Terrebonne Parish Nuisance Abatement ordinance occurring at 316 Rhett Place, legally described as Lot 9, Block 6, Tara Subdivision, Addendum No. 1, and

WHEREAS, from an inspection of the property conducted on June 8, 2006 by the Department of Planning and Zoning, it was found that the structure located at 316 Rhett Place was, in fact, in such condition that it was formally declared a derelict and abandoned structure, as defined under Section 14-26 of the Terrebonne Parish Code of Ordinances, and, therefore, constituted a nuisance, and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2006, Ms. Rose Tyler, the owner of record, received a certified letter from the Department of Planning and Zoning issuing a warning of nuisance citation on the derelict and abandoned structure located at 316 Rhett Place, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the compliance period issued in the “warning of nuisance citation”, and inspection conducted on November 12, 2005 revealed that no work to remedy the violations has occurred and conditions have worsened.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that a condemnation hearing on the structure located at 316 Rhett Place, legally described as Lot 9, Block 6, Tara Subdivision, Addendum No. 1, be called for Wednesday, May 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-108

A resolution authorizing the Utilities Department to contract with Thomasson Lumber to purchase Utility Poles needed for the 115 KV transmission line repair

WHEREAS, the department has obtained a quote for the utility poles from Thomasson Lumber and desires authorization to proceed with said purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Utilities Department be, and they are hereby authorized to contract with Thomasson Lumber to purchase Utility Poles for the 115 KV transmission line repair as detailed on the attached purchase requisition; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all contract documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

SECONDED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-109

A resolution authorizing the Utilities Department to contact with OMNI Pinnacle, LLC for Disaster Recovery Management and Removal Services through March 1, 2007

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration recommends the continuation of said service through March 1, 2007 at the current rate, under the same or similar terms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that a contract with OMNI Pinnacle, LLC for Disaster Recovery Management and Removal Services through March 1, 2007, at the current hourly rate, under the same or similar terms, and is hereby, authorized; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all contract documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Earl Hicks, Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission (HTAC) Airport Manager, who explained that due the devastation caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, PHI, Air Logistics and Era Helicopters continue to operate out of the Houma-Terrebonne Airport. He gave an update to the Council regarding steps taken by the HTAC in the recent past to mitigate helicopter noise events.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, the Council extend the time to open public hearings to until the matter of helicopter noises is complete."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Chairman P. Rhodes relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman A. Tillman.

The Vice-Chairman recognized Ms. Debra Knoblock, Presque Isle Dr. resident, who expressed her concerns relative to large cargo helicopters waking the residents because they are traveling directly over the homes, sometimes at a distance of only a several hundred feet. She stated she has reported the problem to the Airport Commission and Mr. Hicks has spoken to the

helicopter operations on more than one occasion. She stated that Mr. Hicks informed her of the flight pattern which takes the aircraft away from the populated areas and that the operators are keenly aware of the flight pattern, but he would do what he could to remind them. She stated she had spoken with representatives of two of the helicopter companies and one was willing to help remind the operators of the correct flight pattern and the other was less receptive and offered no assistance. She stated she has filed a complaint and an investigation is currently underway with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Flight Standards Division. She requested assistance from the Council to insure that all operators flying out of the Houma-Terrebonne Airport strictly adhere to the north/south flight pattern and that no further expansion of helicopter operations be allowed without a proper vote of the residents.

Councilman P. Rhodes thanked Airport Manager Earl Hicks for his assistance in trying to alleviate the problem; however, he feels that more needs to be done to address this problem. He suggested that the residents document the color, time, and possibly the number of the helicopter to be reported to HTAC to be reported to FAA.

Mr. Earl Hicks agreed that documenting information regarding helicopters flying and disturbing residential neighborhoods is a good idea so he can report to FAA. He stated he would contact Air Logistics regarding the matter.

Upon questioning, Mr. Earl Hicks stated that the Airport Commission is primarily charged with the care, maintenance, and upkeep of the grounds at the Airport, but any routes, inbound or outbound, is established by the FAA and the records would be filed with them and probably be obtained upon request. He stated that the Airport Commission does have a recommended flight pattern that explains inbound and outbound routes. He recommended that he be sent a letter requesting a report from the FAA on flight patterns for aircraft at the Houma Terrebonne Airport.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, "THAT, the Council instruct the Council Clerk to draft a resolution requesting PHI, Air Logistics, and Era Helicopters to utilize the recommended flight patterns at all times and that each company be sent a resolution."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Councilman A. Tillman stated that it appears that the documentation from residents has already been done and suggested that FAA be contacted with the information to request a report.

Mr. Earl Hicks stated he is aware of information documented by some residents, but is not sure if it has reached the FAA, but offered that if he can obtain the records, he could attempt to contact FAA.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, it now being 6:55 p.m., the Council open public hearings at this time."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

- A. A proposed ordinance to declare adjudicated property located at 528 Leona Street as surplus property and authorize the disposal of same

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

SECONDED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.

ORDINANCE NO. 7098

An ordinance declaring the North half (1/2) of Lot 2, Block 1 of Luke Subdivision (528 Leona Street), Houma, Louisiana, owned entirely by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and described in Exhibit "A", as surplus property and authorizing said property to be disposed of by public bid, negotiated sale, or any other legally approved method, and addressing other matters relative thereto.

SECTION I

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby declare the North half (1/2) of Lot 2, Block 1 of Luke Subdivision (528 Leona Street), Houma, Louisiana, owned entirely by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as described in Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, as surplus property; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Administration is hereby authorized to dispose of the property for no less than the assessed value of Four Thousand Eight-one Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$4,081.67).

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13(b) of the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

- B. A proposed ordinance to provide for 30-minute (temporary) parking near polling places

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, "THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

ORDINANCE NO. 7099

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE V (STOPPING, STANDING & PARKING), DIVISION 2 (PARISH), SECTION 18-226 (30 MINUTE PARKING LIMIT): TO AUTHORIZE THE DESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY 30 MINUTE PARKING SPACES WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF A POLLING PLACE DURING ELECTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE "TEMPORARY: SIGNS; AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, Citizen participation in the election process is the most important right citizens of the United States possess, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council wishes to make the voting process as simple and as convenient as possible for registered voters, and

WHEREAS, the Council has learned that certain problems exist during elections that prevent law enforcement officials from designated parking spaces designated for voters, and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Parish Council authorize law enforcement personnel to work with the Registrar of Voters to designate the appropriate number of "Temporary 30 Minute Parking for Voters" spaces within five hundred (500) feet of the polling place.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority invested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, and including, but not limited to, LSA R.S. 33:1368 and other statutes of the State of Louisiana, and to amend the Codes of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18, Article V, Division 2, Parish Section 18-223 to authorize law enforcement officials to work with the Registrar of Voters to designate "Temporary 30 Minute Parking for Voters" spaces within five hundred feet of polling places during elections and to authorize the installation of the appropriate temporary signs as required in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as follows:

CHAPTER 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
ARTICLE V. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING
SECTION 18-226. THIRTY MINUTE PARKING LIMIT

B. That the appropriate law enforcement officials (Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office or Houma Police Department) are hereby authorized to work with the Registrar of Voters to designate needed parking spaces as "Temporary 30 Minute Parking for Voters" during election process and that the law enforcement personnel be authorized to identify the parking spaces with proper signage.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13(b) of the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

- C. A proposed ordinance to accept Sugar Mill Quarters into the Parish Maintenance System, and to incorporate Mill Quarters Drive into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, "THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
 SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

ORDINANCE NO. 7100

AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE/OPERATION OF THE STREETS, DRAINAGE SERVITUDES, UTILITIES, GAS, SEWER, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR "SUGAR MILL QUARTERS" AND TO INCORPORATE "MILL QUARTERS DRIVE" INTO THE ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A BETTER MEANS OF LOCATING ADDRESSES; AND TO SET FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF STREET NAME(S), TO INFORM THE PROPER AGENCIES OF THE STREET NAME(S), AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF THE APPROPRIATE STREET SIGN(S), AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, dedicates and accepts the maintenance/operation of the streets, drainage servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way as depicted on a plat, prepared on January 10, 2006 by David A. Waitz Engineering and Surveying, Inc. titled "Sugar Mill Quarters," a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED effective on the 19th day of April, 2006, that "Mill Quarters Drive" be incorporated into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance be submitted to the Terrebonne Parish Communications Board, local U.S. Postal Services, fire districts, Acadian Ambulance, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office, and any other appropriate agency; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Forces be directed to install the proper street sign on the appropriate street, and that any other actions relative thereto be addressed.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections or other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this section hereby being declared to be severable.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

- D. A proposed ordinance to accept Southdown West Subdivision, Addendum No. 11, Phase A & B into the Parish Maintenance System, and to incorporate Shoal Drive and Shelby Clair Drive into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE/OPERATION OF THE STREETS, DRAINAGE SERVITUDES, UTILITIES, GAS, SEWER, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR "SOUTHDOWN WEST SUBDIVISION, ADDENDUM NO. 11, PHASES 'A' AND 'B'" AND TO INCORPORATE "SHOAL DRIVE and SHELBY CLAIRE DRIVE" INTO THE ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A BETTER MEANS OF LOCATING ADDRESSES; AND TO SET FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF STREET NAME(S), TO INFORM THE PROPER AGENCIES OF THE STREET NAME(S), AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF THE APPROPRIATE STREET SIGN(S), AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, dedicates and accepts the maintenance/operation of the streets, drainage servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way as depicted on a plat, prepared on September 24, 2004 by David A. Waitz Engineering and Surveying, Inc. titled "Southdown West Subdivision, Addendum No. 11, Phases 'A' and 'B,'" a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED effective on the 19th day of April, 2006, that "Shoal Drive and Shelby Claire Drive" be incorporated into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance be submitted to the Terrebonne Parish Communications Board, local U.S. Postal Services, fire districts, Acadian Ambulance, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office, and any other appropriate agency; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Forces be directed to install the proper street sign on the appropriate street, and that any other actions relative thereto be addressed.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections or other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this section hereby being declared to be severable.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

- E. A proposed ordinance that would amend the Parish Code to adopt new building codes as required by R.S. 40:1728

The Chairman recognized the following individuals from the public who expressed their concerns and opposition to the aforementioned proposed ordinance:

- Christopher Mosely – CMT's Painting
- Gwendolyn Cavaness – Darren Cavaness Builder's Inc.
- Randolph Bazet – Bazet Realty & Associates
- Susan Pellegrin – Licensed Contractor and Immediate Past President of the local Homebuilder's Association and Board Member of the La. Home Builder's Association, and member of the Residential Committee of the La. Licensing Board

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, "THAT, the Council extend Ms. Susan Pellegrin's time."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Susan Pellegrin stated that she had completed her presentation regarding the proposed ordinance.

There were no further comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, "THAT, the Council continue the public hearing UNTIL 4/12/06 on the proposed ordinance that would amend the Parish Code to adopt new building codes and that a town meeting be held to discuss the matter. *(MOTION AMENDED AFTER DISCUSSION.)

Chairman P. Rhodes relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman A. Tillman.

Upon questioning, Planning & Zoning Director P. Gordon stated that he was advised by the Legal Department that any modifications to the proposed ordinance would have to be re-introduced and laid over for another sixty days. He stated that Act 12 (SB 44) specifically states that if a local government is not currently enforcing building codes, the jurisdiction is required to enforce the emergency wind and flood provisions by February 27, 2006. He stated he does not believe any of the contractors know exactly how much more the construction would cost because they haven't gone out and acquired the services of an architect or engineer to stamp the plans for the foundation and then draw up plans for the structure. He stated that the legislation is a tremendous burden on local government. He stated that the insurance companies are the driving force behind this legislation because they have indicated they will not do business in Louisiana unless these codes are passed. He stated he knows Florida has these codes in place.

Upon questioning, Parish Attorney C. Alcock stated that the State Law is pretty clear in that the Parish is required to pass the building codes and the provisions shall be provided no later than ninety days from an effective date of November 29, 2005. She stated her only concern is the ability of purchasers of new construction during this time period to obtain insurance. She agreed that a disclaimer could be placed on the new permits being issued.

Councilman P. Rhodes suggested that the motion include that some sort of disclaimer be included on new permits issued during this time period.

*Mr. C. Voisin amended the motion, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, "THAT, the Council continue the public hearing UNTIL 4/12/06 on the proposed ordinance that would amend the Parish Code to adopt new building codes and that a town meeting be held to discuss the matter;

and that some sort of disclaimer be included on new permits issued during this time period.”
*(MOTION VOTED ON AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION.)

A discussion ensued relative to the requirements of the proposed new building codes being mandated by the State and how they will affect building permits to be issued and the concerns of builders and contractors of meeting the requirements.

Chairman P. Rhodes resumed the Chair.

Upon questioning, Ms. Susan Pellegrin stated that the local Planning Department does have the option to shift the burden back to the State Fire Marshall's office for review and approval. She also asked the Parish Council to request an amendment from the State Code Council to exclude the foundation plans from being engineered because that will require soil testing, which is very expensive. She stated that she believes the developer should do some soil testing so the individual builders don't have to.

Councilman C. Voisin suggested that the town meeting regarding this matter be held on Wednesday, 3/29/06.

Parish President D. Schwab stated that Administration met yesterday with some contractors and meeting with the local delegation was discussed and he stated that next week is the opening of the session and suggested that the town meeting be held the following week and invite the entire local legislation.

Councilman C. Voisin stated that the town meeting could be held on 4/5/06 at 5:30 p.m.

*The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, the Council continue with the regular order of business."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mrs. Leslie Suazo, who stated that at the request of Councilman H. Lapeyre, representatives of Natural Resources and Coastal Services (NRCS) are here to give a presentation and project update on the Raccoon Island Segmented Breakwaters Project.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Loland Broussard and Mr. Ron Boustany, NRCS, who gave a presentation on the most recent developments on the Raccoon Island Segmented Breakwaters Project. Upon questioning, Mr. Broussard stated that this project is going to serve as a pilot project due to the use of rock breakwaters.

Several Council Members expressed their excitement in the progress of the Raccoon Island Segmented Breakwater Project and asked to be kept informed of future meetings regarding this project and similar projects for the Barrier Islands.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Diane Matthews Collins, NAACP Youth Chapter, who explained that she received permission from the Council to use the Dumas Auditorium to hold a Black History Program for the Youth Department for the NAACP on 2/25/06, but had to cancel due to carnival. She stated the next date she requested was 3/12/06 and assumed the paperwork was submitted in time. She stated that when she arrived on 3/12/06, the doors were locked and no one with the Parish was aware of the program that was to take place. She stated that after she was able to contact someone with the Parish and was let into the building, the facility was not cleaned and the air conditioner went out. She requested the same consideration as any other organization when the NAACP requests to hold an event at a Parish facility because of the work that is being done for the youth.

Chairman P. Rhodes relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman A. Tillman.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, "THAT, the Council extend Ms. Diane Matthews time to complete her presentation."

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Diane Matthews expressed her concerns relative to the poor condition of the inside of Dumas Auditorium and the outside lighting and requested that it be looked into for possible improvements to the facility.

Chairman P. Rhodes resumed the Chair.

Parish Manager B. Blackwell stated that when he was contacted about the mix-up in scheduling for the event at Dumas Auditorium he apologized to Ms. Matthews and made sure someone was addressing the situation. Upon questioning he stated after each event the building should be cleaned just as any other public building is. He stated that he had spoken with the Building Maintenance Supervisor and was informed that there was a lack of communication between the booking person and his department, who takes the information and prepares the facility.

Councilman W. Thibodeaux requested Administration to ensure that this lack of communication regarding use of a government building does not happen again.

Upon further questioning, Parish Manager B. Blackwell stated that it is his understanding that the maintenance and operation of the Dumas Auditorium is the Parish's responsibility and not Recreation District No. 11.

Councilman C. Voisin recommended that the Utilities Department and/or Recreation District No. 11 be requested to look into the lighting outside Dumas Auditorium.

Councilwoman K. Elfert apologized to Ms. Matthews for the mix-up that occurred in using Dumas Auditorium. She suggested that if the current policy does not already, to include that a letter of confirmation go out to the organization booking the event, with a contact number should something go wrong. She also suggested that the Building Maintenance Supervisor take an inventory of what needs improvement and repairs at Dumas to prioritize and budget some improvements and work, within reason, on the building.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Dell Picou, Houma resident, who expressed her concerns relative to a situation that she encountered with the Home Investment Program in which her application for grant funds was denied for reasons she does not believe are usual steps taken in determining eligibility. She stated that as a result, she might lose the chance to be a first time homebuyer because she would need to close the loan on 3/31/06.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, the Council extend Ms. Diane Matthew's time to complete her presentation."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Dell Picou stated she has done a lot of research on the situation and she pulled the HUD guidelines for the Community Block Grants and she feels she has been treated differently than what is normally done. She also expressed her concerns relative to one of the reasons for being denied was due to a supposedly outstanding utility bill with TPCG for a house she used to rent that she moved from and informed the Utility Billing Department she was moving out and the services should have been disconnected, but weren't. She requested an audit of the program to ensure that everyone goes through the same process when applying for the Community Block Grants.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Kelli Cunningham, Assistant Director of Housing & Human Services, who stated that Ms. Diane Matthews was not eligible for the Community Block Grants because of a federal requirement. She stated that Ms. Picou and her loan officer submitted all of Ms. Picou's information and there was one major issue with the loan application and the loan officer felt they had documentation from an agency that would clear it up. She stated that their interpretation of the document and hers were different, so she contacted the agency for clarification, however, she did not request or obtain any information that she did not already have from Ms. Picou.

Upon questioning, Parish Manager B. Blackwell stated that the Director of Housing & Human Services is out this week, but upon his return Administration has plans to have further discussions regarding this matter.

Councilwoman C. Duplantis stated she had recently spoken with Ms. Dell Picou and requested that a meeting with the Director of Housing & Human Services, Administration, Ms. Picou, and herself should take place to resolve the matter.

Upon questioning, Chief Finance Officer J. Elfert stated that the Community Development Block Grants Program is audited annually with the single audit program and both the folders of the individual clients and the financial side is audited. She explained that an independent audit firm comes in and randomly selects a certain percentage of the folders to ensure that everything is treated exactly the same and that all rules and regulations have been followed.

Upon questioning, Utilities Director T. Bourg stated that although disconnection of utilities is not under his jurisdiction, but it is under the Finance Department's Utility Billing Department, to his knowledge, it has been a practice not to do "turn-offs" for delinquent payments on Fridays or the day immediately preceding a holiday. He stated that the reason for that is that only because if there is a question or problem it can't be resolved the following day. He stated he has never heard of any privileged area that is handled any differently than any other area.

Ms. Dell Picou stated she is only going by information that she was told. She stated that doesn't feel the current audit would reveal that a Housing & Human Services Department employee called an agency to verify information that the mortgage company had already verified and she was told that this was not a regular practice.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Shrimper's Row resident, who expressed his concerns relative to TPCG officials allowing taxpayers funds to be misspent when there are many other serious issues to deal with. He expressed his concerns relative to how he gets treated by the Council in presenting his speech. He presented a copy of a letter from the U.S. Corps of Engineers regarding the 3-1C West Drainage System that indicates that the system is not specifically authorized. Mr. Bourg requested that the letter be addressed. He stated he had to go through Congressman Charlie Melancon's office to obtain a copy of the letter. He expressed his concerns relative to draining millions of gallons of rotten, polluted water through the Grand Caillou community. He also expressed his concerns relative to the many false statements from Parish representatives he has been told regarding the situation.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Ira Brunet, Jane Avenue resident, who expressed his concerns relative to insulting remarks made to the Council by Mr. Reggie Bourg. He gave his opinion regarding the proposed drilling site behind Wayside Drive not being a danger to the residences in the area. He stated that his experience is that there are so many safety systems included in well production and drilling that it is very safe.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Ernest Dardar, Bourg LaRose Highway resident, who invited the Council and members of the Parish to attend the Cajun Swamp Pop Music Festival on 3/31, 4/1, and 4/2 at Grand Bois Park. He stated that the event would help raise funds for a new pavilion for the park.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Edwin Alvarez, Coulcrest St., who expressed his concerns relative to trying to obtain a revocation of servitude of passage of right-of-way on Coulcrest since 2000. He stated he is requesting 25' X 75' in front of his house and no problem could arise from this transaction.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, "THAT, the Council extend Mr. Eddie Alvarez's time for two minutes."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Eddie Alvarez decided not to continue with his presentation.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Craig Luke, Dulac resident, who stated he and his wife own a business at 836 Grand Caillou Road in the Plaza Caillou shopping center and one of the access turns to get into the shopping center has a really bad bump. He stated he contacted DOTD several times with no results. He requested the Council and/or Administration to assist in

contacting the State to have it fixed. He thanked and congratulated Councilman Wayne Thibodeaux on his ten years of service. He suggested that when the Council appoints Councilman Thibodeaux's replacement that a guarantee from the appointee be given that they will not run for that seat because an incumbent will have an advantage in the election.

Chairman P. Rhodes stated that he would check into the matter on Grand Caillou Road because it is located in his district.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, the Council accept the minutes of the Sales & Use Tax Advisory Board meeting held on 3/14/06 and ratify the following action:

- 1) Recommendation to accept the resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2005-year end audit.
- 2) Recommendation to accept the extension of the contract with Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C. for financial auditing services."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 3/20/06, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 4/12/06, rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

MARCH 20, 2006

The Chairman, Alvin Tillman, Sr., called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p. m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Mr. W. Thibodeaux and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. K. Elfert. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, "THAT, the Public Services Committee add on to the agenda the matter relative to the Jeff Drive Drainage Improvement Project."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Public Works Director Al Levron explained that the aforementioned matter was inadvertently omitted from the agenda submissions and requested consideration of awarding V. J. Caro, Jr. Building Contractor, Inc. the contract for performing work on the Jeff Drive Drainage Improvement Project.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
 SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-110

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has received a request for Priced (RFP) for drainage improvements in the area of Bayou Drive and Jeff Drive, and

WHEREAS, the project consists of installing 500' of 54" culverts with conflict box and slide gate at Bayou Little Caillou, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive request for prices is V.J. Caro, Jr. Building Contractors, Inc. at \$59,850.00, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has verified that there are sufficient funds available within the budget for the Division of Drainage to accomplish this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, awards the Jeff Drive Drainage Improvement Project to V.J. Caro, Jr. Building Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$59,850.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all contract documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized the following individuals who expressed their concern relative to Neumin Production Company's request to drill for gas in the vicinity of Wayside Drive, safety issues, noise, additional lighting, subsidence of land, changes to the drainage structure, use of property that was intended for drainage purposes, the area residents not being informed of the proposed drilling, provisions for residents in the event of a blowout, and other options for drilling at another site:

Mr. Paul Lambert of 203 Wayside Drive
 Mr. Elton Sweet of 102 Wayside Drive
 Mrs. Beth Drury of 100 Wayside Drive

The Chairman recognized Mr. Sid Breaux, Neumin Production agent, who stated that Neumin Production has drilled over 300 wells with no incidents and that the company has been in business for eight (8) years. He noted that employees live 100 feet away from the rig on site and safety regulations are followed, and added that something has to precede a rig blowing out. Mr. Breaux stated that subsidence only exists when shallow liquids are removed from the

ground, and Neumin intends to withdraw gas. He noted drainage benefits of approving the drilling request and noted that a plan has been established to abide by noise regulations.

Public Works Director Al Levron stated that Neumin Production would install culverts as required by the Parish; however, no evaluation of the culvert size has been conducted by Administration at this time but that their consultant, GSE, has completed a study of the area. He continued that due to concern about the impact on the existing drainage, Administration requested that a drainage study be developed identifying the short and long-term effects on the area. Mr. Levron further explained the net benefit of installing a permanent 12" pump station adjacent to the Parish's drainage system.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, "THAT, the Public Services Committee authorize the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Neumin Production Company." (**RESOLUTION OFFERED DURING DISCUSSION)

In response to questioning, Mr. Breaux stated that Neumin Production evaluated other potential locations and explained the process of directional drilling.

Parish Manager Barry Blackwell stated that Administration has addressed its concerns and noted that he does not believe there are any potential violations for drilling the well.

Upon questioning, Parish President Don Schwab stated that Administration has received several calls regarding the proposed drilling request and added that one of his main concerns is that the adjacent property owners were not afforded an opportunity to discuss the matter at a public hearing.

In response to additional questioning, Mr. Blackwell stated that noise pollution would not be a factor in the proposed drilling due to Neumin Production agreeing to comply with existing noise ordinances and expressed no concern relative to safety issues.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock stated that the current noise ordinance does not apply to industrial noise emissions.

Committee Member C. Voisin suggested that the proposed action include compliance with the existing Parish noise ordinance.

RESOLUTION: Authorizing the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Neumin Production Company, and requiring that all drilling activities comply with the nuisance abatement regulations concerning excessive noise.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin.
(**RESOLUTION FAILED AFTER DISCUSSION)

In response to questioning, Mr. Levron stated that Administration would receive \$1,000.00 per acre per month in rental fees during the drilling phase and \$400.00 per month rental fees during production over five years. He noted that the drilling period is anticipated to be between thirty (30) and ninety (90) days. Mr. Levron continued that the State holds the mineral rights and severance taxes would be paid to the State.

**The aforementioned resolution was voted upon and *failed*. Committee Members T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert were recorded as voting "*nay*."

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to amend Chapter 12, Section 12-66, 12-21-74, to read 'Coastal Impact Certificate' instead of 'Coastal Impact Permit', and call a public hearing on said matter on April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p. m." (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Coastal Zone Management & Preservation Director Leslie Suazo stated that the proposed aforementioned change has been requested by the Department of Natural Resources and is a result of the Parish's annual program review. She continued that there was some concern with respect to the Parish's use of the terminology; "permit" caused some confusion with those activities, which should have also been permitted by the State. Mrs. Suazo stated that none of the Parish's regulations would change on the terminology.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-111

A resolution authorizing the Parish President to contract for Continued Disaster Recovery Debris Management Services with SWDI, Inc.

WHEREAS, proposals were received on March 8, 2006 for Continued Recovery Debris Management Services, and

WHEREAS, after having reviewed the proposals received, the administration recommends contracts be secured with SWDI, Inc. being designated as the preferred provider.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RSOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish President, Don Schwab, be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with SWDI, Inc. for Continued Disaster Recovery Debris Management Services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President and al other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all contract documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux and A. Tillman.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre and C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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Utilities Director Tom Bourg stated that debris collection, as a result of Hurricane Katrina, ceased effective at the time that Hurricane Rita struck. He continued that any expenses incurred after Hurricane Rita would be applied for under the Rita event. Mr. Bourg noted that piles remaining after Hurricane Katrina would still be processed.

Public Works Director Al Levron explained that Administration would continue permitting the installation of culverts, but would charge a fee for future culvert installations requested by the general public and constructed by the Parish Government. Mr. Levron added that any bridge culvert installation costs would be borne by the owners, and stated that there may be some cases in which the cost for the culvert installations may be negotiated.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to repeal and re-enact Section 22-146 of the Parish Code, 'Culvert Permit Required; Procedure Construction Specification' so as to adopt new procedures (as required by Attorney General Opinion #05-153), and call a public hearing on said matter on April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p. m."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: P. Lambert and W. Thibodeaux.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-112

A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 for the Construction Agreement for Parish Project No. 03-BOAT-31, Ashland Boat Launch Improvements, Terrebonne Parish Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated August 15, 2005 with Dupre Brothers Construction Co., Inc., for Ashland Boat Launch Improvements, Parish Project No. 03-BOAT-31, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government suspended the construction contract because of debris removal activities taking place at the landfill due to Hurricane Rita, and

WHEREAS, this change Order is necessary to compensate the contractor for the increase in cost associated with TPCG suspending the contract without fault by the contractor, and

WHEREAS, this change order is necessary to increase the contract amount by an additional \$1,930.32, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order No.2 has been recommended by the Engineer for this project, T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Don Schwab of Change Order No. 2 to the construction agreement with Dupre Brothers Construction Co., Inc. to perform construction services for Project No. 03-BOAT-31 (Ashland Boat Launch Improvements) which compensates the contractor for the increase in cost associated with TPCG suspending the contract without fault by the contractor for an increase of One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars and Thirty-two Cents (\$1,930.32) to the original contract amount; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Engineer, T. Baker Smith, Inc.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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Public Works Director Al Levron stated that the initial bids received for the aforementioned project were higher than the estimated project cost, and added that Administration negotiated with the contractor to bring the costs inline with the allocated funding. He noted that the cost increase is attributed to price escalation during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-113

A resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Dolphin Services, Inc., in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for IEB Upper Montegut Pump Station (Contract 3 - Expansion); Parish Project No. 05-IEB-08, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated July 12, 2005 with Dolphin Services, Inc., for IEB Upper Montegut Pump Station (Contract 3 - Expansion); Parish Project No. 05-IEB-08, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, work performed under the contract has been and inspected by authorized representatives of the Owner, Engineer, and Contractor and found to be substantially complete, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer for this project, T. Baker Smith, Inc., recommends the acceptance of the substantial completion, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed in accordance with the contract and specifications in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1214536 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Engineer, T. Baker Smith, Inc.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court of Terrebonne Parish to commence a 45-day clear lien period; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration is authorized to make payment of retainage upon the presentation of a Clear Lien Certificate.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux and A. Tillman.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: C. Voisin.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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Committee Member W. Thibodeaux inquired about solid waste collection along Parish Road 15.

Utilities Director Tom Bourg explained that solid waste collection has fallen behind due to the United States Army Corps of Engineers' intent to cease collection efforts. He continued that FEMA has questioned the validity of solid waste collection provided by the Parish's current contractors (SWDI and Cirrus) so the matter was re-bid in order to resume collection. Mr. Bourg continued that FEMA is now challenging the Parish's contract to dispose of solid waste at River Birch, and added that there are two or three trucks waiting to resume collection. In response to questioning, Mr. Bourg explained solid waste collection regulations for rental properties.

The Chairman requested that Administration investigate the illegal dumping of materials across from Banks Street next to Ham's Lounge. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert and Mr. H. Lapeyre, "THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative to the 'questionable development' of property at 517 Roanoke Street, Council District 2, by Three E LLC Corporation in committee for further evaluation."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Public Works Operations Superintendent Perry Blanchard stated that Administration has attempted to obtain rights-of-way to maintain the swale ditch between Columbus Street and the dead end at Morgan Street, but has not been successful. He added that Administration has ceased its effort with respect to acquiring rights-of-way for said maintenance.

Committee Members T. Cavalier and K. Elfert were recorded as exiting the proceedings at 6:28 p. m.

Public Works Director Al Levron stated that should the Council choose to declare the swale ditch as a public drainage channel, it would free the Maintenance Division of any trespass issues and as an alternative, the Council may choose to authorize the acquisition of the rights-of-way through expropriation.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, "THAT, the Public Services Committee proceed with assessing the Parish's options and request the Legal Department to investigate the matter and begin taking any and all action to ensure that the Parish Government can access the corridor and proceed with maintenance of the swale ditch between Columbus Street and the dead end of Morgan Street."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Duplantis, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier and K. Elfert.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, "THAT, the Public Services Committee refer the matter relative to extending and intersecting Family Drive to LA Highway 316 in Gray to Administration for evaluation and submission of a report on said matter."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Duplantis, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, and A. Tillman.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, and C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-114

WHEREAS, that portion along Highway 316 between its intersection with Highway 90/I-49 and Highway 24N in Gray is heavy populated and has unusually high pedestrian traffic, and

WHEREAS, due to the great number of large trucks that use this section of highway on a very frequent basis, the roadway itself has an increasing number of potholes and sinkholes, and

WHEREAS, due to the potholes and the large number of big trucks, the local pedestrians are being placed in an unsafe condition on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, to insure the safety of the local residents, it has been requested that the above described section of roadway be declared a "No Heavy Trucks" zone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development be requested to establish that section of Highway 316, between its intersection with Highway 90/I-49 and Highway 24N in Gray a "No Heavy Truck" zone and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of Terrebonne Parish's Legislative Delegation requesting their support of the Council's request.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: C. Duplantis, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert and P. Rhodes.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-115

WHEREAS, the maintenance of drainage ditches and levees is one of the most important responsibilities of local governments in coastal Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, being aware of the condition of the drainage levees in Ward 8 is essential to maintaining and protecting the residents and property owners of this area, and

WHEREAS, although much consideration is justifiably being given to evaluate the condition of the levees in the coastal communities of Terrebonne Parish, property-owners in the northern portion of the parish are equally dependent on levees to protect their lives and properties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RSOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish Administration be directed to conduct an in-depth evaluation of the drainage levees in Ward 8 (Donner/Chacahoula, Bayou Black/Gibson/Deadwood Road and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Barriers) and to report back to the Council within 30 days of any deficiencies in the levee system and the recommended corrective action.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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Mosquito Control President Wayne Maschado presented an overview of spraying activities in Terrebonne Parish. He noted that there is no established schedule for spraying because spraying is dependent upon the mosquito population, and added that aerial spraying was not completed last week due to high wind conditions.

Members of the Committee requested spraying of the following areas: Sugarwood Subdivision, Summerfield Subdivision, along Highway 311 to Schriever, the area near the Intracoastal Canal, Oak Street, Lafayette Woods, Coteau, Prospect Street, and Bayou Blue.

Committee Member C. Duplantis was recorded as exiting the proceedings at 6:44 p.m.

In response to questioning, Mr. Maschado stated that there are six (6) to seven (7) trucks permanently stationed within Terrebonne Parish and that the trucks spray "zones" as opposed to "specific streets". He then explained the process of determining the population count of mosquitoes in Terrebonne Parish. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Public Works Director Al Levron stated that in response to complaints received regarding discolored water near the Upper Montegut Drainage Pump Station, Administration contacted the Department of Environmental Quality and requested an evaluation of samples of the water. He continued that the sample revealed that there were no variances in the water. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, and K. Elfert.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Alvin Tillman, Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, "THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 3/20/06."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 3/20/06, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls an election on 4/29/06 and public hearings on 4/12/06 and 5/25/06, rendered the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

MARCH 20, 2006

The Chairman, Clayton Voisin, called the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Mr. W. Thibodeaux and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. K. Elfert. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. Committee Member H. Lapeyre entered the proceedings at 7:02 p. m. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. T. Cavalier, "THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee add on to the agenda the matter relative to authorizing the call of an election for the Coteau Fire Protection District to levy a special tax."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Member H. Lapeyre entered proceedings at this time.

Committee Member T. Cavalier explained the necessity of holding an election to levy a property tax to collect increased revenue for the purchase of property for the Coteau Fire Protection District. Ms. Cavalier noted the benefits of purchasing the property at this time, as opposed to continuing the lease for the Coteau Fire Station.

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Teri Cavalier and seconded by Ms. Christa Duplantis:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-116

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Coteau Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 29, 2006, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Coteau Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Coteau Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on November 22, 2005, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, April 29, 2006, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Coteau Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

MILLAGE PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR THE COTEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF TERREBONNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO LEVY A 10 YEAR 18-MILLS TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING THE DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FACILITIES, FOR PURCHASING FIRE TRUCKS AND OTHER FIRE FIGHTING OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND PAYING THE COST OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES, INCLUDING CHARGES FOR FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS AND SERVICE, SAID TAX TO BE IN LIEU OF THE SIMILAR 8 MILLS TAX AUTHORIZED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 3, 1997.

Shall the Coteau Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy and collect a special tax of eighteen (18) mills on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2006 and ending with the year 2015, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating the District's fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting or emergency medical service equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and services, said tax to be in lieu of the similar 8 mills tax authorized at a special election held on May 3, 1997?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Pete Lambert, Alvin Tillman, Wayne Thibodeaux, Kim Elfert, Teri C. Cavalier, Christa Duplantis, Harold Lapeyre, Clayton Voisin and Peter Rhodes.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

And the resolution was declared adopted by the Community Development and Planning Committee on March 20, 2006 and ratified by the Assembled Council on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized Coteau Fire Protection District Chairman Willis Henry who thanked the Committee for taking the aforementioned action.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-117

A Resolution giving Notice of Intent to adopt an Ordinance for adopting the Hurricane Rita Surge Inundation and Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Maps for Terrebonne Parish dated February 2006.

WHEREAS, the due to Hurricane Rita, FEMA has developed maps showing Advisory Base Flood Elevations for Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, numerous structures were flooded that were at or above the current flood maps elevations; and

WHEREAS, all structures receiving Federal assistance are required to conform to the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Maps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that an ordinance to adopt the Hurricane Rita Surge Inundation and Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Maps for Terrebonne Parish dated February 2006 is hereby introduced, and that a public hearing on said matter be called for Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20TH day of March, 2006.

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Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon explained that the new FEMA Advisory Maps raised the required base elevations for Terrebonne Parish by 1 foot and has expanded the amount of property contained within flood zones designated as a "C Zone". In response to questioning, Mr. Gordon stated that the new elevations would affect flood insurance rates and explained that flood insurance is not required for those zones designated as a "C Zone". He continued that the United States Army Corps of Engineers is working on the Parish's "Digitized Federal Insurance Maps (D Firm Maps)" which should be completed by October 2006, and explained that because the maps are technical documents, action must be delayed for sixty days.

Council Clerk Paul Labat reminded everyone that the sixty (60) day lay over would place the public hearing on May 24, 2006 at 6:30 p. m.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock suggested that because some of the flood zones are "hazy" and some areas have not been confirmed, the proposed ordinance should be amended to state, "Maps for Terrebonne Parish and revision thereto" as opposed to indicating a specific date.

OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-118

A resolution giving Notice of Intent to adopt an ordinance to dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the street(s), drainage servitudes, and rights-of-way for "JOLIE OAKS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2" and to incorporate "KATIE ROSE DRIVE" and the extension of "JOLIE OAKS BOULEVARD" into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System for the purpose of providing a better means of locating addresses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Notice of Intent is given for adopting an ordinance to dedicate and accept the maintenance/operations of the streets(s), drainage servitudes, and rights-of-way for "JOLIE OAKS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2", and to incorporate "KATIE ROSE DRIVE" and the extension of "JOLIE OAKS BOULEVARD" into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System for the purpose of providing a better means of locating addresses; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said ordinance be called for Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20TH day of March, 2006.

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Council Clerk Paul Labat interjected that the aforementioned subdivision approval does not accept the maintenance of sewers for said subdivision because the sewerage system is privately maintained.

Upon questioning, Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that the current subdivision regulations do not provide for a warranty period for newly constructed streets and noted that proposed legislation on this matter has not been adopted.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that the Legal Department include a provision for a warranty on newly constructed roads in the aforementioned proposed ordinance.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock expressed some concern relative to the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission including said warranty in its approval of the aforementioned subdivision.

Mr. Gordon interjected that there is no warranty provision in the current subdivision regulations and that consideration is being given to including said provision into the subdivision regulations.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee introduce an ordinance to expand the membership of the Houma Historic District to include two (2) members and rename the Commission to the Historic Preservation Commission, and call a public hearing on said matter on April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p. m." (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER BRIEF COMMENTS)

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux noted comments from the Houma Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau Chairwoman with respect to representation of Native Americans on the aforementioned board.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: W. Thibodeaux and A. Tillman.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee introduce an ordinance that will designate Residence Plantation located outside of the Houma Historic District, as worthy of historic preservation and call a public hearing on said matter on April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p. m."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that Administration has informed contractors of the requirements included in the new building codes, and added that State Act 12, Senate Bill 44 and House Bill 76 do not mention engineering certification on building plans. He continued that the International Building Codes for Residential and Commercial structures include provisions for some engineering. Mr. Gordon noted that the State has provided a list of third party providers who would approve building plans under Act 12 and recommended that homebuilders should look into those providers to speed up the permitting process. He added that Administration intends to educate the general public on the new building codes, and stated that the Parish's inspectors have received training on the new codes, although they are not certified. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

The Chairman announced that Item No. 6 (RESOLUTION: Supporting two (2) single-family residential developments, Richardson Place and Annie Lee Estates, proposed by Olympia Construction) has been withdrawn from the agenda.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee add on to the agenda the matter relative to accepting the 2005 Annual Report for the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission Chairman Alex Osthiemer presented that 2005 Annual Report of the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission inclusive of the Master Plan and 2006 Goals. Mr. Osthiemer noted that in 2006, the Planning Commission intends to: 1) Complete the 2006 Zoning Recommendations for the Louisiana Highway 311, Lisa Park, Bayou Cane, and the Martin Luther King Boulevard Corridors; 2) Investigate and resolve the boundary dispute with Lafourche Parish; 3) Disseminate to the general public the expected flooding expected with various storm surge elevations; 4) Develop and submit a plan to provide adequate parks and recreational spaces in Terrebonne Parish; 5) Propose regulations to resolve the issue of reservoir placement and establishment within Terrebonne Parish drainage systems; and 6) Start the process of implementing impact fees for new developments in Terrebonne Parish. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Community Development & Planning Committee, the meeting be adjourned."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Clayton J. Voisin, Chairman

Suzette Thomas Minute Clerk

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 3/20/06."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 3/20/06, whereupon the Committee Chairwoman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 4/12/06, rendered the following:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARCH 20, 2006

The Chairwoman, Kim Elfert, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:42 p. m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Ms. C. Duplantis and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. T. Cavalier. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. A quorum was declared present.

Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert explained that Administration requests approval of amending the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with TEDA to remit occupational sales tax revenue collected prior to a contract being established with TEDA. She noted that the proceeds would have gone to TEDA if a contract would have been signed prior to October 2005 and added that future proceeds collected would be paid to TEDA on a monthly basis.

OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-119

A resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) and Terrebonne Economic Development Authority (TEDA), so as to change the terms of remitting to TEDA the annual budgeted proceeds of the occupational license revenues.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement dated September 14, 2005 with TEDA to provide funding for operations in pursuit of economic development objectives for the parish and region, and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the original agreement provides for the following:

"In exchange for the economic benefits to the parish, including implementation of the Strategic Plan for Economic Development, TPCG shall remit to TEDA on or about October, 2005, thereafter at the same time each subsequent year, based upon the approval of the parish budget, for the term of this Agreement and any extension, up to fifty (50%) percent of Terrebonne Parish occupational license revenues."

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the agreement shall be amended as follows:

"In exchange for the economic benefits to the parish, including implementation of the Strategic Plan for Economic Development, TPCG shall remit to TEDA within 30 days of receipt, up to 50% of the occupational licenses based upon the approval of the parish budget."

WHEREAS, the amendment to the cooperative endeavor agreement provides for the disbursement of funds on a monthly basis as they are collected instead of annually in October of each year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Don Schwab of Amendment No. 1 so as to change the terms of remitting to TEDA, the annual budgeted proceeds of the occupational license revenues.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes and W. Thibodeaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-120

WHEREAS, prices were obtained thorough the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing one (1) new/unused Large Size, Four door, Rear Wheel Drive, Police Patrol Sedan (2006 Dodge Charger, Model LXDH48/27A) for the Houma Police Department under State Contract #406301, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Parish Administration it has been determined that the total price of Twenty-three Thousand, Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$23,618.00) from Southland Dodge Chrysler, Inc. for the purchase of one (1) new Large Size Police Patrol Sedan (2006 Dodge Charger, Model #LDXH48/27A) should be accepted as per the State Contract Vehicle Catalog and under the provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1710, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2006 Account Number 204-211-8914-01 for the purchase of the aforementioned vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned vehicle purchase at a total cost of Twenty-three Thousand, Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$23,618.00) as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the purchase of the vehicle be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes and W. Thibodeaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon requested consideration of amending the 2006 Adopted Budget to include two new positions within the Planning & Zoning Department in order to handle the additional workload.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. W. Thibodeaux, "THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2006 Budgeted positions and the 2006 Adopted Budget for the Planning & Zoning Department to allow two (2) new positions and calling a public hearing on said matter on April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p. m."

The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, and A. Tillman.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, and C. Voisin.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-121

A resolution introducing an ordinance to declare items from Accounting, Janitorial Services, H&H Services, and Ashland Jail as surplus as described in the attached Exhibit "A" and authorizing said items to be disposed of by public bid, negotiated sale, junked or any other legally approved method.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby introduce an ordinance which will declare the attached Exhibit "A" as surplus and authorizes the Parish President to dispose of said items by public bid, negotiated sale, junked or any other legally approved method, and that a public hearing on said matter be called for Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux and A. Tillman.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre and C. Voisin.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-122

WHEREAS, bids (Jefferson Parish Council Resolution No. 104432) were obtained by Jefferson Parish Purchasing Department for the purpose of purchasing automobiles and light trucks, and related items (Contract Numbers 55-00007712 and 55-00007713) and,

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Parish Administration it has been determined that the total price of One Hundred Thirty-three Thousand, Nine Hundred Nine Dollars and Zero Cents (\$133,909.00) from Southland International for the purchase of one (1) 2006 International 33,000 Lb. GVW Cab & Chassis at a cost of Forty-seven Thousand, Seventy-one Dollars (\$47,071.00) and from Truck and Transportation Equipment Co., Inc. for the purchase of one (1) Heavy Duty Automated Trash Loader Dump Truck Assembly at a cost of Eighty-six Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-eight Dollars (\$86,838.00) should be accepted as per the attached documents and the under provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1701 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2006 Account Number 695-441-8914-01 for the combined purchases of the aforementioned 2006 International 33,000 Lb. GVW Cab & Chassis and Heavy Duty Automated Trash Loader Dump Truck Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the prices for the aforementioned purchases from Southland International at a cost of Forty-seven Thousand, Seventy-one Dollars (\$47,071.00) and from Truck and Transportation Equipment Co., Inc. at a cost of Eighty-six Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-eight Dollars (\$86,838.00), having a total cost of One Hundred Thirty-three Thousand, Nine Hundred Nine Dollars and Zero Cents (\$133,909.00) as per the attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the purchase of the vehicle and equipment be accepted as per the attached documents.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, H. Lapeyre, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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In response to questioning, Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry stated that with the aforementioned purchase, the Landfill would have two (2) dump trucks with loaders.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, "THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee amend Resolution No. 06-073 (Item No. 4) to reflect the award of the high bid for Item No. 4." (**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Upon questioning, Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock stated that the Legal Department has not reviewed the aforementioned matter to determine if the action is legally permissible.

Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry explained that the proposed action entails amending the previously adopted resolution to include within the bid award the name of Mr. Ronnie Boudreaux and the purchase amount. She added that the total bid amount awarded (\$2,282.96) was correct, but failed to detail the aforementioned award.

OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-123

A resolution to amend Resolution No. 06-073 to include the award of Item # 4 to the highest bidder, that was omitted in the original resolution.

WHEREAS, Resolution No 06-073 awarded the bids for Bid #05-1/9-46 Surplus Sale of Vehicles and Motorcycles to M & K Contractor, Christopher Aitkens, John Guillory and Dean Duplantis, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the appropriate parties and the Parish Administration, it has been determined that the highest bid for item # 4, although included in the bid comparison sheet, was omitted from the resolution and should be corrected and,

WHEREAS, it has it has been determined by Parish Administration that it is in the best interest of the Parish to correct and to revise the award amounts of the bid as follows: M & K Contractor (\$101.01), Christopher Aitkens (\$250.00), John Guillory (\$1005.20), Dean Duplantis (\$500.00), and Ronnie Boudreaux (\$426.75), for a total amount of (2,282.96) and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Parish Administration it has been determined that the bids submitted by Ronnie Boudreaux for Items # 7 and 8 be rejected and sold through negotiated sale, and

WHEREAS, Parish Administration now wishes to amend Resolution No. 06-073 and adopt the above information for the award of Bid No. 05-1/9-46 Surplus Sale of Vehicles and Motor Cycles as per the attached itemized bid documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of Parish Administration be approved; that Resolution No. 06-073 be hereby amended; and that the bids of M & K Contractor, Christopher Aitkens, John Guillory, Dean Duplantis, and Ronnie Boudreaux be accepted as per the above listed bid amounts.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, H. Lapeyre, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that Administration submit information relative to Item Nos. 7 & 8, which were previously rejected.

Committee Member P. Rhodes exited the proceedings at 7:50 p. m.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Dulac resident, who criticized the Committee with respect to the operation of TP TV.

Parish Manager Barry Blackwell reiterated Administration's invitation to Mr. Bourg to discuss any matters of concern to him. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Budget & Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned."

The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Kim Elfert, Chairwoman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 3/20/06."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 3/20/06, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls a public hearing on 4/12/06, rendered the following:

POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE

MARCH 20, 2006

The Chairman, Wayne Thibodeaux, called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 8:00 p. m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Ms. K. Elfert and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. A. Tillman. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. Committee Member K. Elfert was recorded as entering the proceedings at 8:06 p. m. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-124

A resolution changing the name of the building used as the polling place for Precinct No. 61 from the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Office to the Terrebonne Parish Library, Chauvin Branch (no change in physical location).

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Office located at 5500 Highway 55 in Chauvin, LA, has been used as the polling place for Precinct No. 61 for a number of years, and

WHEREAS, the Levee District Office has moved into another office and the Terrebonne Parish Library, Chauvin Branch has moved into the building, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Court’s Office has confirmed that the new Branch Library is available for continued use as a polling place for Precinct No. 61.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure and Legal Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that, the name of the building used as the polling place for Precinct No. 61 be hereby changed from the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation Office to the Terrebonne Parish Library, Chauvin Branch and that the physical address remain as 5500 Highway 55, Chauvin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: K. Elfert.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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Committee Member K. Elfert entered the proceedings at this time.

OFFERED BY: Ms. T. Cavalier.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-125

A resolution changing the polling place of Precinct No. 9 from the Evergreen Junior High School to the South Central Planning & Development Commission Office.

WHEREAS, the polling place for Precinct No. 9 has been located at the Evergreen Junior High School for several years, and

WHEREAS, due to school functions and holidays, the school building is sometimes not available or must be opened especially for voting, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Court’s Office has viewed the newly constructed office of South Central Planning & Development Commission , located at 5058 West Main (right next door to the school building) and has deemed this facility an excellent permanent location for the polling place for Precinct No. 9.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure and Legal Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government,

that, the polling place for Precinct No. 9 be changed from the Evergreen Junior High School to the South Central Planning & Development Commission located at 5058 West Main Street, Houma (next door to the school).

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, H. Lapeyre, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-126

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) is authorized to provide Casualty Insurance Coverage through its Department of Risk Management, and

WHEREAS, Administration and the Risk Management Department reviewed and analyzed Casualty Insurance quotes for Public Entity Liability (General Liability and Automobile Liability), Public Officials and Employees Liability and Employment Practices Liability insurance and submits a recommendation for renewals effective 4/1/06 – 4/1/07, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department that the attached schedule of insurance premiums become accepted, effective for the period beginning 4/1/06 – 4/1/07.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure and Legal Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department is to accept Casualty Insurance based on the attached schedule of insurance premiums effective for the policy period beginning 4/1/06 – 4/1/07.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, H. Lapeyre, P. Lambert, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 20th day of March, 2006.

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Risk Management Director Janelle Brierly stated that the aforementioned action complies with Administration’s intent to have all insurance policies renewed at the same time on April 1, 2007. She noted that the same insurance carrier and broker are underwriting the policies.

Committee Member P. Rhodes requested consideration of approving legislation, which would amend the Parish Code to comply with and coincide with State Statutes with respect to Public Bid Law limits.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock explained that State Bid Law limits were increased to \$20,000.00 for the purchase of materials and supplies and the aforementioned action would comply with State Statutes.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the Parish Code to change the minimum bid requirements for receiving bids, and call a public hearing on said matter on April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p. m."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, "THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee retain the matter relative to Terrebonne Parish's rules for Mardi Gras floats displays and prohibition on political statements and other controversial set-ups on floats in committee for further discussion."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Member P. Rhodes was recorded as exiting the proceedings at 8:10 p. m.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Dulac resident, who inquired about guidelines for addressing the Council and where those policies may be viewed. Mr. Bourg alleged that there is a concerted effort by the Council to prevent him from exercising his right of free speech. He continued by implying improprieties with respect to the permit of the Forced Drainage 3-1C System. Mr. Bourg also inquired about the Council's ability to remove a submitted item from the agenda. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee, the meeting be adjourned."

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: P. Rhodes.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Wayne Thibodeaux, Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. W. Thibodeaux, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 3/20/06."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Council approve attendance at the following meetings as per the current Council Travel Policy:

- A) Confronting the Rising Costs of Risks Workshop, April 19-21, Bossier City.
- B) NLC Community and Economic Recovery Workshop, May 16-17, New Orleans."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, "THAT, the Council re-appoint Mr. David Lusco to another term on the Electrical Board of Adjustments."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Councilman W. Thibodeaux formally announced his resignation as Council District 2 Councilman effective April 2, 2006 in order to accept a full-time position as Executive Director of the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority. He thanked the electors of District 2 who thought well enough of him to elect him three times and stated it was an honor in the highest sense to be able to service the district as their Council Member. He expressed to his colleagues his pleasure in serving together and for dealing with many issues that goes far beyond district boundaries because the majority of the issues impacted the entire Parish. He sincerely offered a heartfelt "Thank You" for the opportunity to be able to serve the residents of District 2. Mr. Thibodeaux gave a brief history of what transpires when a Council Member resigns and what a sitting Council does in an effort to assist in a smooth transition. He brought up three instances in which Council Members resigned to take another job or elected office and the outgoing Council Member made a recommendation of whom they would like to see fill that seat until an election is called. He thanked his colleagues for all the participation, contributions, and good they have done for Terrebonne Parish. He requested consideration in granting him the same privilege in concurring with his recommendation to appoint Mr. Lionel Myers to sit in the seat of Councilman, District 2 until an election can be called.

All Council Members, the Parish President, and the Council Clerk thanked Councilman Wayne Thibodeaux for their working relationship over the years in addressing matters pertaining to Terrebonne Parish and wished him the very best in his new position and all of his future endeavors. They commended him for his uniqueness in strongly standing up for what he believes is right for the residents of Terrebonne Parish.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-127

A resolution supporting the use of Energy Bill Funding for the Houma Navigation Canal Lock Complex Project and Requesting that this project be designated an environmental Structure for these Funding Purposes:

WHEREAS, the Houma Navigation Canal Lock Project has been deemed to be a priority project for the safety and protection of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is planned to be used to manage fresh water distribution in the spring and to prevent saltwater intrusion into the entire Terrebonne Basin during the low water months of the fall as indicated in the Coast 2050 Ecosystem Restoration Report, the Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Study Report (LCA) and by the Morganza to the Gulf Habitat Evaluation Team and, probably most important, to be used for hurricane protection to the over one hundred thousand residents of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the operation and maintenance of the lock system will be the joint responsibility of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and

WHEREAS, the Energy Bill Funding, a part of the Coastal Impact Assistance Plan, was created to help protect and enhance the local environment and will; be an excellent source of funding for a project that is clearly consistent with the stated goals of the funding source

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that this governing body does hereby fully support the use of Energy Bill Funding for the Houma Navigation Canal Lock Project and that the Lock Complex be designated as an environmental structure for theses funding purposes and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of Terrebonne Parish's Legislative Delegation.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman, T. Cavalier and C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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Chairman P. Rhodes stated in reference to agenda item 7 – Street Lights, there are no street lights for approval.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council concur with Administration in waiving the parking lot rental fee up to \$600 for the Relay for Life event sponsored by the American Cancer Society that is scheduled for April 22, 2006.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Council allow two add-ons to tonight’s agenda to address the following:

- 1) A resolution regarding the LIHEAP Contract for FY 2006, and
- 2) A resolution supporting a proposed housing development by HRI Properties.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-128

A resolution authorizing the Parish President to sign and submit the adjusted Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Contract with Louisiana Housing Finance Agency for FY 2006.

WHEREAS, the adjusted contract amount of \$85,372.58 is available to the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for a period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby authorize the Parish President, Don Schwab, to sign and submit the adjusted LIHEAP Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby authorize the Parish President, Don Schwab, to sign and submit any other documents necessary between Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency for the enactment of this contract.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, C. Voisin and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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The Chairman recognized Ms. Kelli Cunningham, Assistant Housing & Human Services Director, who introduced Ms. Melissa Ardoin, Property Manager of Bonne Terre Village Apartments, Phase I, who requested adopting of a resolution of support to do Bonne Terre Village, Phase II.

Councilman W. Thibodeaux requested that if future expansion is done to inform the Council representative for the area.

OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-129

A resolution supporting a proposed housing development project by HRI Properties.

WHEREAS, HRI Properties is proposing to develop 62 residential rental units, which will be located at 7614 Main Street, Houma, Louisiana, behind Bonne Terre Village, and

WHEREAS, the 62 total units are expected to serve the elderly with affordable housing and adequate living conditions, and

WHEREAS, HRI Properties is applying to the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency for Housing Tax credits to assist in this endeavor, and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency is that the local governing authority must clearly support the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that this governing authority does go on record as being in support of the housing development proposed by HRI Properties to be located at 7614 Main Street, Houma, Louisiana.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis and P. Rhodes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier, H. Lapeyre and C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 22nd day of March, 2006.

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Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

VENITA H. WHITNEY
MINUTE CLERK

ATTEST:

/S/PETER RHODES
PETER RHODES, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

/S/PAUL A. LABAT
PAUL A. LABAT, COUNCIL CLERK
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL